

<b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/698,369	LOPEZ ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Steven D. Maki	1733	

**All Participants:**

(1) Steven D. Maki.

(2) Alan Kopecki.

**Status of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Interview:** 11 December 2006

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Interview:**

- ☒ Telephonic  
☐ Video Conference  
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

**Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated:** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

**Part I.**

**Rejection(s) discussed:**

112

**Claims discussed:**

18, 38 and 41

**Prior art documents discussed:**

none

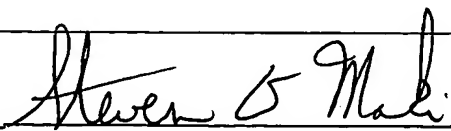
**Part II.**

**SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:**

*See Continuation Sheet*

**Part III.**

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.  
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

  
 (Examiner/SPE Signature)

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 (Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: On 12-7-06, examiner proposed changes to place the case in condition for allowance: (1) on line 13 of the replacement paragraph for page 8 on page 2 of the amendment filed 11-15-06, change "extend across the filler material" to --are--, (2) In claim 18 line 1, change "having" to --and--, (3) In claim 18 lines 19-20 change "extending from one branch to the other" to --connected to the filler material--, (4) In claim 38 line 1 change "having" to --and--, (5) In claim 38 lines 17-18 change "a recess arrangement formed therein" to --circumferentially separated sections--, (6) In claim 38 line 19 after "connected to the filler material" insert --circumferentially between the sections and--, and (7) cancel claim 41. With respect to claim 18, discussed embodiment shown in figures 2, 3. With respect to claims 38 and 41, discussed embodiment shown in figure 11. On 12-11-06, applicant's representative approved the proposed changes and authorized the Director of the USPTO to charge deposit account number 02-4800 the required fee of \$570 for the three month extension of time. .